

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Ammunition for small-, medium- and large-caliber weapons, consisting of comprising a bullet with the same caliber as the weapon or which is subcaliber, the bullet comprising a profiled front part, a central part, and a rear part which may bear fins, wherein the bullet contains, along its axis, and an internal core extending along an axis of the bullet, the internal core being housed in an axial hole in a body of the bullet, the axial hole being open at the front of the bullet, with the internal core having rigidity greater than that of the body of the bullet, the internal core extending over the front part and the central part of the bullet, and the internal core having at least one rib on an outer surface.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Withdrawn from Consideration) The ammunition as claimed in claim 1 [[3]], wherein the internal core passes right through it and runs from the rear part to the front part of the bullet.

5. (Currently Amended) The ammunition as claimed in Claim [[3]] 1, wherein the front part of the bullet has a front face, and wherein a front face of the internal core is set back from the front face of the front part of the bullet.

6. (Withdrawn from Consideration) The ammunition as claimed in Claim [[3]] 1, wherein the internal core protrudes and its front end extends beyond ~~the a~~ front face of the bullet.

7. (Previously Presented) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the internal core consists of one single homogeneous element.

8. (Withdrawn from Consideration) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the internal core ~~consists of~~ comprises at least two consecutive elements arranged contiguously along the same axis.

9. (Withdrawn from Consideration) The ammunition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the internal core comprises a first cylindrical element and one or more balls of approximately equal diameter.

10. (Currently Amended) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the internal core consists of a rod having symmetry of revolution, the rod having and comprising ribs over part of its surface.

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11. (Currently Amended) The ammunition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the internal core has ribs are annular, helical or longitudinal ribs.

12. (Previously Presented) The ammunition as claimed in claim 11, wherein the internal core has two to six longitudinal ribs arranged symmetrically with respect to the axis.

13. (Withdrawn from Consideration) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the front part of the body of the bullet has rupture initiators.

14. (Previously Presented) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the internal core is made of steel, brass, copper or aluminum alloy.

15. (Previously Presented) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the body of the bullet is made of copper or brass containing 5 to 40% zinc.

16. (Withdrawn from Consideration) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the front face of the internal core is set back from the front face of the front part of the bullet.

17. (Previously Presented) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the internal core protrudes and its front end extends beyond the front face of the bullet.

18. (New) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the rear part includes at least one fin.

19. (New) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the rear part includes a plurality of fins.

20. (New) The ammunition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the internal core has a substantially cylindrical outer surface having at least one outwardly projecting rib extending parallel to the axis.